

# WHYALLA NEWS

## Breezing through recording scholarship



*ACHIEVEMENT: Mayor Lyn Breuer presented local singer-songwriter Breeze Millard with the Whyalla Recording Scholarship.*

With a passionate and powerful voice, local singer-songwriter Breeze Millard captivated a small media audience gathered in the Whyalla Lutheran Church.

It's that voice which may be the key to Breeze's future, after she 16-year-old was announced as the winner of the 2016 Whyalla Recording Scholarship (WRS).

Breeze impressed a field of six judges with her original song titled "I Have My Own Life" and will now go into the studio to record and release her work as a debut single.

The WRS was launched earlier this year by Stormfront Productions and the Whyalla City Council, to give local musicians an opportunity to further their professional careers.

- *Winner of the Whyalla Recording Scholarship Breeze Millard performs her original song "I Have My Own Life."* [#activatewhyallpic.twitter.com/A18fZ1i9pm](https://twitter.com/A18fZ1i9pm)

Breeze said she saw the scholarship as a way to return to songwriting after taking a break this year.

"It took me a little while to write this song but I think it came out really well, it was written because I did my research project at school on creating a song," she said.

"Throughout the project I learnt new techniques to help me write my own music, and because I write a lot, when I was writing I was touching on a lot of emotions so I ended up using them as inspiration for my music.

"The Whyalla Recording Scholarship will be another great opportunity for me to expand my singing and songwriting career."

Breeze said the scholarship was 'absolutely great' for anyone interested in singing and songwriting.

"There are a lot of great singers and songwriters and this is a fantastic opportunity to get them out there and get what they have created showcased around the world," she said.

For the next 12 months Breeze will be recording her song and making it public to the community – while also writing new music.

Stormfront Productions member Alison Hams said Breeze was a WRS applicant who 'ticked all the boxes'.

"We had a number of criteria that our panel of judges looked at for all of those auditioning and Breeze was a stand-out in all of those," she said.

"We were looking for someone who could sing and write but also shows real drive and dedication to take their music beyond the horizon and show what they can do to the best professional standards."



*TALENT: Breeze during her stunning performance of her scholarship-winning song "I Have My Own Life".*

The WRS judging panel was composed of Whyalla City Council's Youth Officer Gail Rostig, well-known local musician and sound-engineer Gavin Chandler and Alison Hams and Mark Tempany from Stormfront Productions.

Video judging in Adelaide was also done by Anthony and Tracy Stewart from Red Brick Music and award-winning group The Sherrahs.